

## **Town of Long Lake**

### **Ordinance #1991-1 Town Ordinance for the Control of Dogs**

The Town Board of the Town of Long Lake, County of Washburn, Wisconsin, ordains as follows:

Section 1. Dogs not to Run at large. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping or harboring any dog, to permit such dog to run at large within the limits of the Town of Long Lake, Washburn County, Wisconsin, at any time.

Section 2. The enforcement of this ordinance shall be carried out by any Town of Long Lake Constable or other person designated and authorized by the Town Board. If the identity and ownership of the dog offending private property can be readily ascertained, the Constable or other authorized person may forthwith advise such owner of the dog's transgressions. This shall not limit the authority of the Constable or other authorized person to impound said dog forthwith, or to prosecute such owner as herein provided.

Section 3. If the persons who own or harbor the said offending dog, contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, can be reasonably ascertained, said individual shall be notified in person or by United States mail, that said dog is impounded.

Section 4. If such person owning or harboring offending dogs cannot be ascertained, then and in that case the Constable or other authorized person shall take such dogs to the appropriate County Pound. Notice of impoundment shall be carried out by the County Pound as they deem appropriate, and if the owner does not reclaim the dogs within ten days, Sundays excepted, the dogs shall be humanely dispatched.

Section 5. Any dog impounded pursuant to this ordinance must be licensed in the Town before it can be released and the licensing shall be determined by the Town Pound County records.

Section 6. Payments and Penalties. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10.00 for the first offense, \$25.0 for the second offense, and \$50.00 for the third and succeeding offenses. In addition, the County Pound may charge reasonable fees for food and keep as they deem fit; the Town may also charge costs of prosecution. In default of any costs and fines

imposed, the offender may be committed to the County Jail of Washburn County for a term not to exceed 30 days.

Section 7. All ordinances, in whole or in part which conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby revealed.

Section 8. Intent. It is the intention of this ordinance to protect the citizens from the ravages and damages caused by dogs, particularly those owned by people who fail to respect the right of others. It is not the intention of this ordinance to penalize farmers or others, whose dogs may for the first time and without their knowledge cause disturbances.